

OBSERVING THE STANDARDS OF MATHEMATICAL PRACTICE IN K-12 CLASSROOMS

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ACTIVITY

Sheila drinks $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of water for every mile she hikes. Her water bottle holds 5 cups of water. How far can she hike before her water runs out?

Be ready to show and/or explain your thinking.



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Reasoning and explaining

Modeling and using tools

Seeing structure and generalizing

GETTING TO KNOW THE SMP

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SMP

- Read the Standards for Mathematical Practice Individually, highlighting the **verbs** throughout.
- Discuss the Standards for Mathematical Practice as a table group
- Create a non-linguistic representation of the Mathematical Practice on chart paper and be prepared to share with the rest of the group.



At a staff meeting or PLC you could add in..

- **Create a chart that representations the teacher actions and student actions you would observe if this Mathematical Practice was present in instruction.**



MATH COMMON CORE STANDARDS

#1

MAKING SENSE OF PROBLEMS AND PERSEVERE IN SOLVING THEM

When presented with a problem, I can make a plan, carry it out and evaluate its success.

#2

REASON ABSTRACTLY AND QUANTITATIVELY

I can take numbers and put them in a real world context. I can also take numbers out of context and work mathematically with them.

REFLECTION

How is the role of the teacher when implementing the Math Practices different than the *teacher's* role of the past?

What is the primary role of the student in implementing the Math Practices?



OBSERVATION TOOL #1 – COOPERATIVE LEARNING CARDS

Cooperative Learning Roles based upon Standards for Mathematical Practices

SMP #1

*Make sense of problems and
persevere in solving them*

Mathematically proficient students:

- Explain what the problem means in my own words
- Persist in efforts to solve challenging problems.
- Continue to ask myself and others, “does this make sense?”

SMP #6

Attend to precision

Mathematically proficient students:

- Are clear and precise in their language and work(oral and written communication).
- Specify units of measure and label any diagrams to clarify meaning
- Justify the reasonableness of the solution.

OBSERVATION TOOL #1 – COOPERATIVE LEARNING CARDS

Think about how you could use these with a grade level team, full site staff, parent meeting, etc.

- 1. Each person at the table pick out 1-2 MP cards.**
- 2. Focus your observation ONLY on those 1-2 MP's.**



SEEING THE PRACTICES IN ACTION

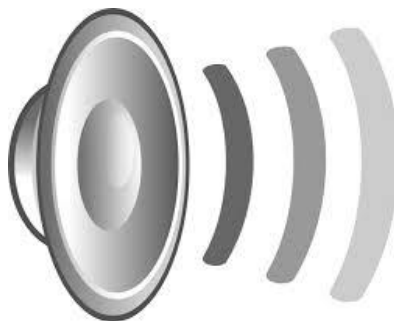
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Composing and Decomposing



How did this experience build your understanding of the **SMP** in Kindergarten?

What will a classroom embracing the **SMP** look like, sound like, feel like?



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OBSERVATION TOOL #2 – INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE GUIDE

Think about how you could use these with
a grade level team or full site staff

CCSS INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICE GUIDE



This guide provides concrete examples of what the Core Actions for implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics in grades K-8 look like in daily planning and practice. It is designed as a developmental tool for teachers and those who support teachers and can be used to observe a lesson and provide feedback or to guide lesson planning and reflection. For all uses, refer to the CCSS for Mathematics (corestandards.org/math) and the grade-level content emphases (achievethecore.org/emphases).

The Shifts required by the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics are¹:

1. Focus: Focus strongly where the Standards focus.
2. Coherence: Think across grades, and link to major topics within grades.
3. Rigor: In major topics pursue conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application with equal intensity.

Date:

Class:

Teacher:

Unit or Lesson:

Standards Addressed:

CORE ACTION 1: Ensure the work of the lesson reflects the shifts required by the CCSS for Mathematics.

CORE ACTION 2: Employ instructional practices that allow all students to master the **content** of the lesson.

CORE ACTION 3: Provide all students with opportunities to exhibit **mathematical practices** in connection with the content of the lesson.³

SEEING THE PRACTICES IN ACTION

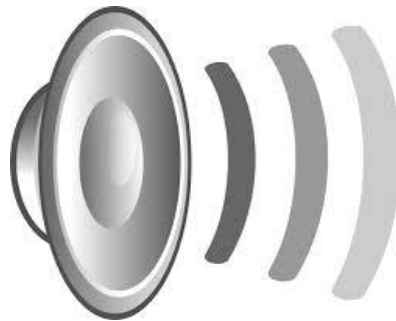
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Reasoning About Division



How did this experience build your understanding of the **SMP** in Fourth Grade?

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OBSERVATION TOOL #3 – VIDEO EVIDENCE FORM

Think about how you could use these with a grade level team or full site staff meeting, etc.

VIDEO EVIDENCE FORM		
Math Practice # _____		
	Video Examples	
Verb	Student Action	Teacher Action
Explain		
Look for		
Analyze		
Plan		
Consider		

SEEING THE PRACTICES IN ACTION

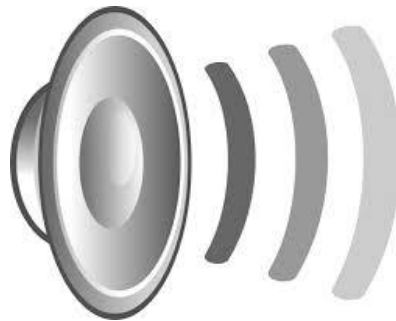
7th Grade

Number Talk



How did this experience build your understanding of the **SMP** in Seventh Grade?

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OBSERVATION TOOL #4– DISTRICT OR SCHOOL WALK THROUGH-EVALUATION- TOOLS

Think about how you could use these with a grade level team or full site staff meeting, etc.

3b USING QUESTIONING AND DISCUSSION TECHNIQUES

Questioning and discussion are the only instructional strategies specifically referred to in the Framework for Teaching, a decision that reflects their central importance to teachers' practice. In the Framework, it is important that questioning and discussion be used as techniques to deepen student understanding rather than serve as recitation, or a verbal "quiz." Good teachers use divergent as well as convergent questions, framed in such a way that they invite students to formulate hypotheses, make connections, or challenge previously held views. Students' responses to questions are valued; effective teachers are especially adept at responding to and building on student responses and making use of their ideas. High-quality questions encourage students to make connections among concepts or events previously believed to be unrelated and to arrive at

SEEING THE PRACTICES IN ACTION

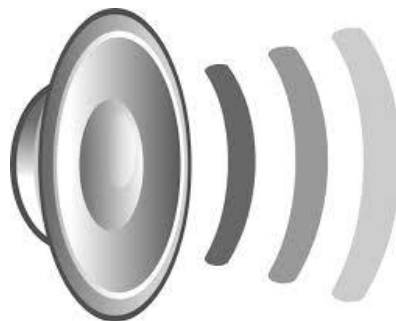
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Quadrilaterals



How did this experience build your understanding of the **SMP** in High School?

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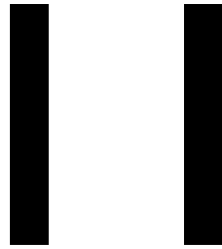
How can you support implementation of the Standards for Mathematical Practice at your school site or district?

What existing structures do you have in place to assist supporting teachers in their implementation of SMP?



SMP

MINDSET.....BELIEFS....





REFLECTION

Reflection

Reflection

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